This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended)   A method for storing search features of an image sequence including individual objects, said method comprising the steps of:

determining said search features from said image sequence; and

storing said features together with said image sequence wherein separate search feature sets are provided for each individual object.

Claim 12 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are at least one of audio data and video data of said image sequence.

Claim 13 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features comprise a reference to an image within said image sequence for assisting in accessing said image within said image sequence.

Claim 14 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are stored as a prefix to said image sequence.

Claim 15 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are stored appended to said image sequence.

Claim 16 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are stored in said image sequence.

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Claim 17 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein search features for an image scene of said image sequence, said image scene being initiated by an intra-image defined according to the MPEG standard, are stored as a prefix to said intra-image.

Claim 18 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein each image scene of said image sequence is stored in a database.

Claim 19 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein separate search features for several objects that are contained in said image sequence according to image coding standards are respectively stored together with said image sequence.

Claim 20 (previously presented):   The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features can be unambiguously identified by a predeterminable start code.